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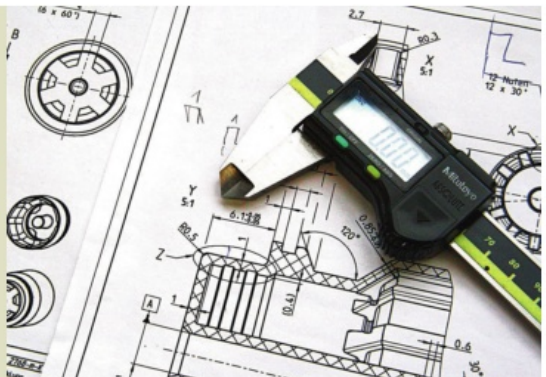


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SEAT MATRIX

7,758 seats to be added to make 1.32 lakh engineering seats available in colleges in upcoming academic year



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LIFE ON RENT

People who lost their lives' savings in rental fraud hit the road in protest against alleged inaction of authorities



Of 358 trees uprooted and transplanted by BMRCL across city between July 2021 and July 2022, only 62 make it — that is a success rate of just over 17%

SHIFT + DELETE

Environmentalists suggest change in strategy as record of survival has been low

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Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.'s (BMRCL) recent report on the condition of translocated trees from its various project sites has yet again highlighted a poor success rate.

As per the agency's quarterly report (July to September 2023), the success rate of transplanted trees between July 2021 and July 2022 is just over 17%. While 358 trees were uprooted and transplanted in various areas across the city, only 62 are now showing signs of survival. As many as 296 trees (nearly 83%) have dried up.

"BMRCL should aim at a success rate of above 70%. We have seen poor translocation reports in the past as well. Thus, it is important to understand the measures being taken to improve the survival rate. BMRCL should include information on new steps taken or plans to

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File photo of trees being prepared to be transplanted

“It is important to understand the measures being taken to improve the survival rate. BMRCL should include information on new steps taken or plans to improve the success rate in the quarterly report

— Dattatreya Devare, Bangalore Environment Trust

Walk on the wild side

192 people surrendered illegal wildlife parts, 115 of these from Bengaluru



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Based on the number of items surrendered, it seems Bengaluru tops the list of those possessing illegal wildlife parts. Out of 192 individuals who have turned in wildlife parts to the forest department, 115 are from Bengaluru alone. Additionally, 15 are from Shivamogga, 13 from Sirsi, eight from Dharwad, six from Hassan, and five each from Mysuru, Belagavi, Tumakuru, and Haliyal. Four individuals from Honnavar have also handed over wildlife parts, among others.

The state government's deadline for returning wildlife parts such as tiger claws, skins, elephant tusks, and deer horns has passed, leading to the forest department acquiring a large cache of confiscated items worth crores of rupees. Within 21 forest ranges across the state, 192 individuals have handed over illegally obtained wildlife parts, including tiger claws, to the

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2 THINGS TO DO

01 Talent hunt



On the auspicious occasion of the birth centenary of the esteemed Hindustani classical vocalist Padma Bhushan Pandit CR Vyas, the GRACE (Gunijaan Research Art Culture and Education) Foundation launches "Gunijaan Bandish Pratiyogita," a prestigious pan-India classical singing contest. This talent hunt, curated by Shashi Vyas, founder of GRACE Foundation and son of Pandit CR Vyas, and ideated by Aparna Kelkar, aims to provide a platform for promising singers of Indian classical music between the ages of 16 and 30. Register at: <https://www.gunijaanbandish.in> Last date for registration: July 15, 2024

02 Drama & reading

Join in for the "Dum Dama Dum" children's theatre festival by Vikram Sridhar. The theatre and reading festival by



Atta Galatta that began in 2017 unites two beautiful things in a child's life: love for drama and love for reading. The festival will have plays for children from various renowned theatre groups, while on another level, they can enter a world of books from their favourite authors and publishers. Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar When: June 29, 10 am

Young Indians celebrates Yoga Day



Celebrating International Yoga Day, Young Indians (Yi) Bengaluru and Decathlon jointly conducted an extensive series of yoga sessions at 11 different institutions in the city. This initiative aimed to promote physical and mental well-being among youth, fostering a holistic approach to health and wellness. They incorporated a variety of yoga practices, focusing on breathing techniques, meditation, and physical postures. Notable were the classes held at the National Association for the Blind and the Sheila Kothavala Institute for the Deaf, as they adapted traditional yoga practices to accommodate students with sensory impairments.

More engineering seats this year

With 7,758 extra seats, 1.32 lakh seats will be available in engineering courses

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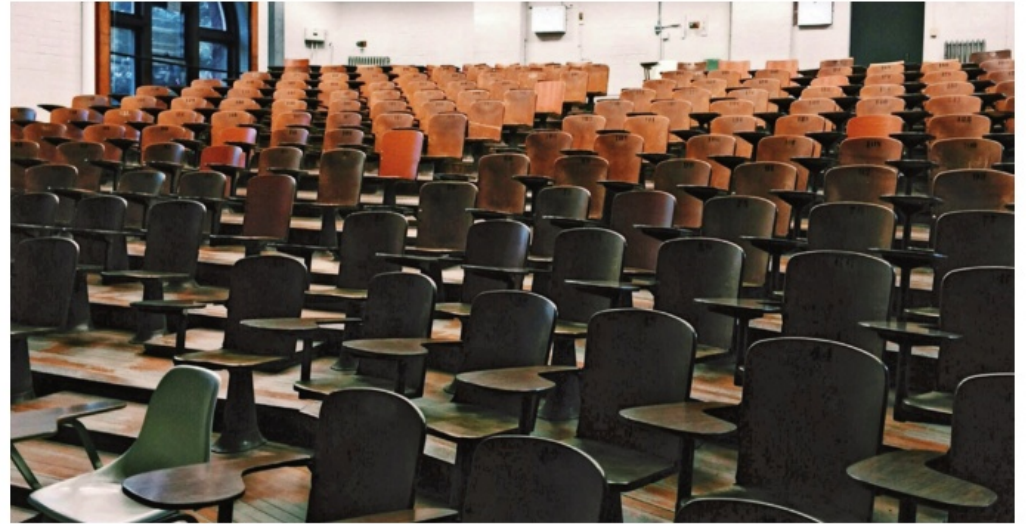
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Good news awaits aspiring engineering students as an additional 7,758 engineering seats are set to be added for the upcoming academic year, although counselling for these seats has not yet commenced. With the new total number of 1,32,309 seats in 245 professional engineering colleges, 62,930 seats will be allocated through the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA), while the remaining seats will be filled through the seat selection process of private or deemed universities.

Last year, there were a total of 1,24,551 seats available across 258 colleges, with 58,845 seats under the purview of KEA. This year's increase of 7,758 seats overall, including 4,085 seats under KEA, marks a notable expansion in engineering education opportunities. Furthermore, seats from 13 colleges are yet to be added to KEA's list, hinting at a potential further increase in available seats in the near future.

Relaxation in intake norms

There was a cap on increasing engineering seats for a while. However, this year, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has relaxed intake norms, which has allowed colleges to expand their enrollment capabilities for the academic year 2024-25. This increase is a relief for students who were concerned about securing admission to engineering colleges.



Seats from 13 colleges are yet to be added into KEA's list, hinting at further increase in seats

This year, with AICTE's relaxation, many colleges have increased their seats according to their intake capacity, leading to rise in number of available seats

—Official

An official said, "This year, 3.10 lakh students took the CET exam, with 2.74 lakh students qualifying for engineering seats. This is a substantial increase from last year, when 2.03 lakh students passed the CET exam, resulting in a surge of 70,000 eligible students and a higher demand for engineering seats. Previously, colleges had to submit proposals to universities for seat increases, which were approved after scrutiny by a local committee. However, this year, colleges directly submitted their proposals to AICTE, bypassing state government procedures. Despite the state government's opposition and a letter to AICTE,

many colleges have increased their seats according to their intake capacity, leading to this rise in the number of available seats." Reacting to this, Visvesvaraya Technological University's (VTU) vice chancellor, Dr S Vidyashankar, said, "The number of seats has increased with AICTE's relaxation. Our regional centre has also seen a rise in the number of seats this year."

Allocation of seats

A significant portion of KEA seats are allocated to private colleges and universities. Specifically, private colleges now offer 38,024 seats, up from 36,761 seats in

2023, while private universities have increased their intake to 9,988 seats from last year's 8,460 seats. Additionally, there are 746 seats dedicated to architecture courses. Overall, there has been an increase of 2,795 seats compared to last year, reflecting a broader trend of increased opportunities for students aspiring to pursue engineering and architecture courses.

H Prasanna, Executive Director of KEA, confirmed by stating, "Compared to last year, there has been a significant increase in engineering seats this year. This means that students will have more options for college admissions. The increase in engineering seats will provide more opportunities for students to get admitted into colleges, and the counselling process will begin once the seat matrix is finalised."

Injured deer rescued, treated, returned to the wild

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In a swift and commendable action, People For Animals' (PFA) Quick Rescue Reaction Team (QRRT) saved the life of an injured spotted deer near a petrol bunk adjacent to JSS College Hostel in the city.

Upon receiving a call about the displaced animal on June 21, the QRRT reached the site, located just 1.5 kilometres from their shelter, to find the injured deer, likely from an attack by feral dogs. Understanding the delicate nature of the situation, the team took swift action to keep the animal's stress levels low. The adult male spotted deer, known for its shy behaviour and high susceptibility to stress-related conditions, received on-site first aid under the guidance of veterinarian Dr Madhav.

The team, which included Dr Madhav,



The PFA rescue team treated the injured spotted deer on-site before releasing it

Rahul, Vasanth, Mohan, Bharath, Anand, Gokul, and volunteers Rohan and Vedanth, along with Karnataka Forest Department officials, efficiently handled the situation. They treated the deer's bite injuries with necessary medications to prevent infection and promote healing before releasing it back into the wilderness. "It was crucial to treat the deer on-site and ensure a quick release back into

the wild to prevent capture myopathy, a common condition caused by stress and physical strain that can be fatal for wild animals," explained Dr Sharif.

Beat forest officer Soumya praised the PFA team for their efficiency and quick response, said, "Despite the challenges, including injuries to some team members, the rescue was a success. This rescue highlights the critical role of trained professionals and well-equipped rescue teams in ensuring the safety and well-being of wildlife."

Colonel Dr Sharif commended his team's efforts, stating, "Our team's dedication and expertise were key in saving the deer's life. Quick and effective actions in such cases are vital for the survival of these animals."

Previous notable rescues by PFA QRRT include a challenging operation involving a young leopard near Turahalli Forest Reserve, which was successfully reunited with its mother, and another spotted deer rescue near Kempegowda International Airport.

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NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR LAKES

Kaggadasapura Lake soon to get back into flow

With most developmental works completed, long-awaited rejuvenation is nearing its end

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If all goes well, the much-awaited rejuvenation of Kaggadasapura Lake is expected to be completed shortly. The dewatering, dewatering, and desilting of the lake that spreads over 47 acres were already completed, along with other developmental works such as excess bund cutting and increasing water spread area, ring bund formation, construction of a box culvert cum silt trap (two numbers), providing a sewage diversion pipeline, and construction of a wetland bund with notches.

CV Raman Nagar MLA, S Raghu, told the Bangalore Mirror that the developmental works are being taken in phases. The first phase has been completed, while the remaining work is in progress. "I have directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Department to complete all the ongoing developmental works in a few months. Rejuvenation of Kaggadasapura, which was pending for quite some time due to legal issues, is our dream project," he said. He further added, "We have planted around 100 saplings to increase the greenery on the lake bund."

The developmental works, such as the improvement of the walkway, water body fencing, providing access control gates, and the construction of security rooms and gazebos, are in progress. "The rejuvenation of Kaggadasapura was undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs 8 crore. All the pending works are expected to be completed in two to three months," said Nithya, BBMP Executive Engineer (Lakes).



Installation of a tree guard at Kaggadasapura Lake

Meanwhile, environmentalists and residents have welcomed the rejuvenation of Kaggadasapura Lake. They want the BBMP Lakes Department to preserve and protect the water body for the benefit of thousands of people residing around it. "There is a lot of improvement on the lake bund. Earlier, the lake was full of sewage and weeds. There were attempts to rejuvenate the lake a few

years ago, but someone filed a petition in court, thus delaying the rejuvenation work. I appeal to our MLA and the BBMP authorities to turn it into a model lake by providing all amenities for the benefit of children and senior citizens," said Krishna Gowda, a senior citizen from Kaggadasapura.

Another resident on the condition of anonymity said the pace of

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— Nithya,
BBMP Executive Engineer (Lakes)

developmental work had gained momentum. "I request our MLA to direct the BBMP Lakes Department to complete the pending work as early as possible. I also want the construction of the sewage treatment plant (STP) to be expedited and made operational by the end of December," said the resident.

Reminiscing about the past, Vinod Jacob of the Namma Bengaluru Foundation said, "We envision this area being transformed back into the lush green and vibrant water body it once was. This lake can serve as a model for the entire constituency, showcasing environmental sustainability and biodiversity, complete with basic public amenities and an STP plant." He said that he could look at planting many native trees like Neem, Jamun, Peepal, Kadamba, and Indian coral trees to protect the biodiversity of the lake and for the benefit of the birds. "There should be dedicated staff and gardeners appointed to maintain the lake and its surroundings. Ensuring joint responsibility and accountability between BBMP officials and citizens will help keep this beautiful space well-maintained for future generations," Jacob added.

Lake glow up: From neglect to flourish

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Once a neglected water body, Venkateshpura Lake is now witnessing a remarkable transformation thanks to the concerted efforts of local residents, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), and Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda. The Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), a renowned non-profit organisation focused on environmental conservation, has partnered with the community to rejuvenate the lake.

One of the unique features of the lake's restoration is the creation of a butterfly trail and a bee resort, which were inaugurated on Sunday. The butterfly trail will attract various species of butterflies, while the bee resort aims to support solitary bees.



100 tree saplings were planted at Venkateshpura Lake on Sunday

Residents have rallied together to ensure the lake's revival, emphasising the urgent need to address climate change and protect water bodies. "We are now aware of the climatic changes and the effects of encroaching lakes and water bodies. Now the revenue minister himself has taken up the challenges of climatic change and frequently made visits to the lake, and we as citizens see some changes for the good," said a resident.

On Sunday, the neighbourhood came together to plant 100 tree saplings around the lake. Many saplings, including those of mango and jackfruit trees, were donated by the forest department and local residents. "It was good to see the young kids participate; they are our future," another resident said.

The collaboration between ATREE and BBMP has led to the development of a self-sustainable model for

Why a bee resort?

The bee resort will provide nesting spaces for solitary bees, which do not live in large colonies or produce honey but are essential for pollination. Unlike honey bees, solitary bees nest in dead wood, twigs, or exposed soil, and although they do not make honey, they are vital for our food as they pollinate many of the fruits and vegetables that we consume. These efficient pollinators lead solitary lives and are not known to sting.

the lake's restoration. ATREE aims to involve improving water quality, removing invasive species, and enriching the lakeshore with diverse plants. These efforts aim to support more biodiversity and create a thriving ecosystem.

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Roof safety hazard Kalinga Rao Road



The bus shelter at P Kalinga Rao Road is in a dilapidated shape.

Garbage menace AECS Layout



Garbage thrown on roads is unattended and neglected by the BBMP at Kudlu, AECS Layout-A Block. People are concerned for their health and are unable to walk on the road due to the rotten smell.

Is it a flower stop? KR Puram bus stop



The KR Puram bus stop has been used for selling flowers and fruits for many years now, with no BBMP employees checking or penalising the vendors. Requesting appropriate actions.

HC warns against political influence in services

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The Karnataka High Court, through a Division bench comprising Justice Krishna S Dixit and Justice Ramachandra D Huddar, expressed strong dissatisfaction with public servants using political influence in matters of their transfer and postings. This observation came during the court's decision to allow an appeal by Kar-

nataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, overturning a single-judge bench's order.

The High Court set aside the earlier order that directed the reinstatement of Veena M to service without back wages and consequential benefits. The court highlighted concerns over employees invoking political influence in administrative decisions that rightfully belong to the employer. They emphasised that such interference is detrimental to public administration and can compromise the employer's interests.

The bench stated, "Political inter-



ference in service matters is undesirable, as irrelevant factors could influence decisions, affecting public

administration adversely. The act of public servants causing political influence may constitute grounds for denying relief in constitutional matters."

The corporation argued that the impugned order should be voided because the decision on where an employee should work falls within the employer's domain.

They cited instances where the employee refused to report for duty despite directives, citing health issues, which the corporation considered misconduct due to an unfavourable medical report.

Veena M's defence highlighted her health problems, including allergies and commuting difficulties to the workplace, which were not adequately addressed by the employer. The court acknowledged these challenges but reiterated that grievances related to service conditions should be resolved through proper channels and not by absenteeism.

Ultimately, the court upheld the decision of compulsory retirement for Veena M while directing the corporation to provide her with accrued benefits promptly, stressing that any delay would incur interest.

Rent scam: Victims at lurch, stage protest against inaction

Tenants and owners say police refused to act against realtor, who defrauded them, want authorities to help them get refunds

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People who lost lakhs of rupees gathered in front of Mahatma Gandhi Park on MG Road on Monday afternoon seeking justice. They gathered here hoping that authorities, especially police officers, would help them to get back their hard-earned money.

While some of them are tenants, some of them are owners of residential flats (whose flats are meant to be rented out but leased out by collecting lakhs of rupees) and a few of them are prospective tenants. While the tenants paid lakhs of rupees to Ahmed Ali Baig of Ziyu Homes, owners of residential flats have lost their assured income received in the form of house rent from Ziyu Homes. A few of them are expecting to live in the promised dream homes.

Bangalore Mirror published a story - Tenant poses as owner to lease out flat - on April 20, 2024, narrating how the accused targets senior citizens by renting out their property

A few months ago, we asked Ziyu Homes to return our money as we wanted to vacate. Ziyu Homes issued a bank cheque but it got bounced due to lack of funds. I have approached Hennur police seeking justice but in vain

— Suraj Jairaj, a tenant



Victims protesting on MG Road

and Jairaj paying up.

Speaking to Bangalore Mirror on Monday, the victims said that they approached Hennur Police seeking justice but the latter did nothing. They said that they are expecting authorities to ensure the return of their hard-earned money.

"My aunt Rejina paid Rs 8 lakh to Ahmed Ali Baig's representative. My aunt is residing at Kacharakanahalli. She paid Rs 8 lakh six months ago and is waiting to get a suitable house for lease," said Rani, the relative of Regina.

Some of the tenants who are staying at flats on lease have had no

problems till last year. With flat owners demanding them to vacate now, they are finding themselves in a catch-22 situation. "I paid Rs 9,00,000 towards the lease amount for two years. I had no problem for one year. Now, the flat owner visited the flat and asked me to vacate claiming that he did not receive either rent or lease amount from Ahmed Ali Baig. I am in a dilemma. I do not know whom to approach to get back my amount before vacating the flat. I am residing at a residential apartment complex situated at Singasandra. There are 11 flats and four of them are leased out by Ahmed Ali Baig," said Sanjay S.

Suresh Jairaj is shocked by the latest developments. "We have taken two flats for lease. We paid Rs 25 lakh to Ziyu Homes towards the lease amount for two years. My father is bedridden. I am the only bread earner for my family. A few months ago, we informed Ziyu Homes to return our money as we wanted to vacate. Ziyu Homes issued a bank cheque but it got bounced due to lack of funds. I have approached Hennur police seeking justice but in vain," said Suresh Jairaj.

The problem of Mohammed Ilyas is different. He has been residing at a flat situated at Shampura near NR Bande for the last two and a half years. He wanted to vacate as the lease period expired but there was no one to return his money (Rs 8 lakh paid towards the lease amount). "I am finding it difficult to vacate the flat as I have no money to get another flat for lease or rent. I have been paying Rs 2,500 towards maintenance every month. I never expected Ahmed Ali Baig to cheat me," said Mohammed Ilyas.

Anganwadis to introduce LKG, UKG



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Anganwadis across the state may soon introduce Lower Kindergarten (LKG) and Upper Kindergarten (UKG) classes. This move responds to increasing demand, especially in rural areas where many parents directly enrol children into first grade in government schools.

Minister for Women and Child Development, Lakshmi Hebbalkar, announced on Monday that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has approved the upgrade of all anganwadi centres in the state.

Following a meeting at the Vidhana Soudha, the Minister stated that a committee of experts has been established to explore the feasibility of offering pre-primary education (LKG, UKG) in anganwadi centres across the state, except in the Kalyana Karnataka region. The decision aims to ensure children receive quality education and nutritious meals.

"The Chief Minister has approved the upgrade of anganwadi centres, and the department has decided to provide children with uniforms, books, and bags through these centres. Additionally, a system will be established to issue transfer certificates (TCs) to students in the format of school transfer certificates.

The Education Department has also planned to initiate a government Montessori programme; however, anganwadi workers have expressed opposition to this proposal," said Hebbalkar, adding that discussions with anganwadi workers regarding the introduction of pre-primary education have already taken place.

Out of the 9,000 anganwadi teachers, 1,500 hold graduate degrees, while the rest have diplomas. "Therefore, there will be no issues in delivering quality education, and no one will be displaced from their positions," clarified the Minister.

Crumbling roads in Doddakalasandra

Year-long neglect worsens as temporary fixes fail; daily commuters, students, and elderly at risk amid hazardous conditions

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The residents of Doddakalasandra are facing significant challenges due to the poor condition of their roads. This issue has persisted for more than a year, causing daily inconvenience and posing serious safety risks.

The stretch was already in bad shape, and when the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) laid sanitary lines, the situation worsened. Unfortunately, the work was poorly executed. The roads were dug up, and only temporary measures, such as filling the craters with jellystones, were taken to address the damage. These stones have now come loose, leaving the roads in an even worse condition than before.



Condition of the roads in Doddakalasandra

Dr Ram Kumar, a resident of Doddakalasandra, expressed his frustration, saying, "The situation is unbearable. The roads are full of craters and become puddles whenever it rains. This is a major road connecting to the Dod-

dakalasandra metro station, and many students use it to commute to nearby schools and colleges. Despite multiple complaints to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), BWSSB, and the local MLA, nothing has been done to address the issue."

The recent rains have exacerbated

“The risks posed by the damaged roads are particularly high for young children and the elderly

—Dr Ram Kumar, a resident of Doddakalasandra

ed the problem, turning the already damaged roads into hazardous puddles. The poor quality of tar used in the initial repair works has not helped, with the surface deteriorating rapidly under traffic and weather conditions.

Residents of Doddakalasandra have repeatedly approached the civic authorities, hoping for a resolution. However, their complaints seem to have fallen on deaf ears. The BBMP and BWSSB have not taken any substantial steps to fix the roads, and there has been no response from the local MLA representing Rajarajeshwari Nagar.

"The bad roads are not just an inconvenience but also a danger to commuters. With schools and colleges located close by, many students and residents use this stretch daily. The risks posed by the damaged roads are particularly high for young children and the elderly. Every day, we fear for our safety," said Dr Kumar. The residents of Doddakalasandra are calling for immediate action to repair the roads properly and prevent further deterioration.

Speaking to Bangalore Mirror, an official from BBMP said, "We will be carrying out an inspection on the stretch on Tuesday and take necessary measures."

IN BRIEF

Suraj Revanna in CID custody

A special court has granted CID custody of JD(S) MLC Suraj Revanna until July 1 on charges of sexual abuse by a fellow party worker. After transferring the case to CID, Suraj was brought to Bengaluru by Hassan police and placed in judicial custody for 14 days. The CID swiftly approached the Special Court for Elected Representatives to seek custody for further investigation.

On June 22, Holenarasipura police charged Suraj under IPC sections 377, 342, 506, and 34 based on a complaint from a 27-year-old party worker alleging sexual assault on June 16. In a related development, Suraj's aide Shivakumar filed a counter-complaint, accusing the complainant and his brother-in-law of extortion, leading to charges under IPC sections 384, 506, and 34 against them.

Robbery shakes JP Nagar apartment

Earlier on Tuesday morning, a robbery occurred at an apartment complex in JP Nagar 5th Phase, where thieves stole laptops, gadgets, personal documents, and a Hero Maestro scooter. Residents discovered the theft around 8 am, prompting them to alert the security guard and call the police, who initially provided a lacklustre response.

At the station, they faced delays in filing an FIR. Police assured they were investigating and verifying details. Despite issues with CCTV retrieval, footage from a neighbouring apartment captured the thief's activities.

The investigation continues as police are reviewing available evidence, aiming to resolve the case promptly.

BM Trippin' Tales

Monsoon draws more tourists to Charmadi Ghat



Irresponsible behaviour leads to traffic jams and littering, authorities urge visitors to respect the environment

With the monsoon approaching, the beauty of Charmadi Ghat is coming into full view. Once dry and barren, the area is now lush and green. Waterfalls that had dried up are now overflowing, and streams and rivers are brimming with water. What was once a dull and lifeless landscape is now vibrant and alive.

Stretching 25 km, Charmadi Ghat features numerous waterfalls, with the sound of water cascading down rocks creating a soothing symphony. The area is enveloped in lush green forests, and the misty weather enhances its beauty. The scattered waterfalls

throughout the region are truly a sight to behold. Despite its natural beauty, the increasing number of tourists at Charmadi Ghat is causing significant problems for locals. Vehicles are parked haphazardly, leading to traffic jams, and tourists are littering the area with plastic and other waste. The authorities are struggling to manage the situation, and the irresponsible behaviour of visitors is tarnishing the beauty of the place.

Police efforts to control the chaos are being ignored by many tourists, who continue to park their vehicles wherever they please, exacerbating the traffic issues. The authorities are urging tourists to behave responsibly and respect the environment. Police say that it is imperative that tourists take responsibility for preserving the area. While the authorities are doing their best to maintain

Temporary ban for Ettina Bhuja trek

The popular trekking destination, Etthinahubja in Chikmagalur district, has been temporarily closed by the Forest Department to enhance safety facilities for trekkers. As the monsoon rains have been lashing the area, the Forest Department has imposed a ban to prevent any untoward incidents and to ensure the safety of visitors. A banner has been put up to inform the public of this decision. The trekking spot will be reopened once the necessary

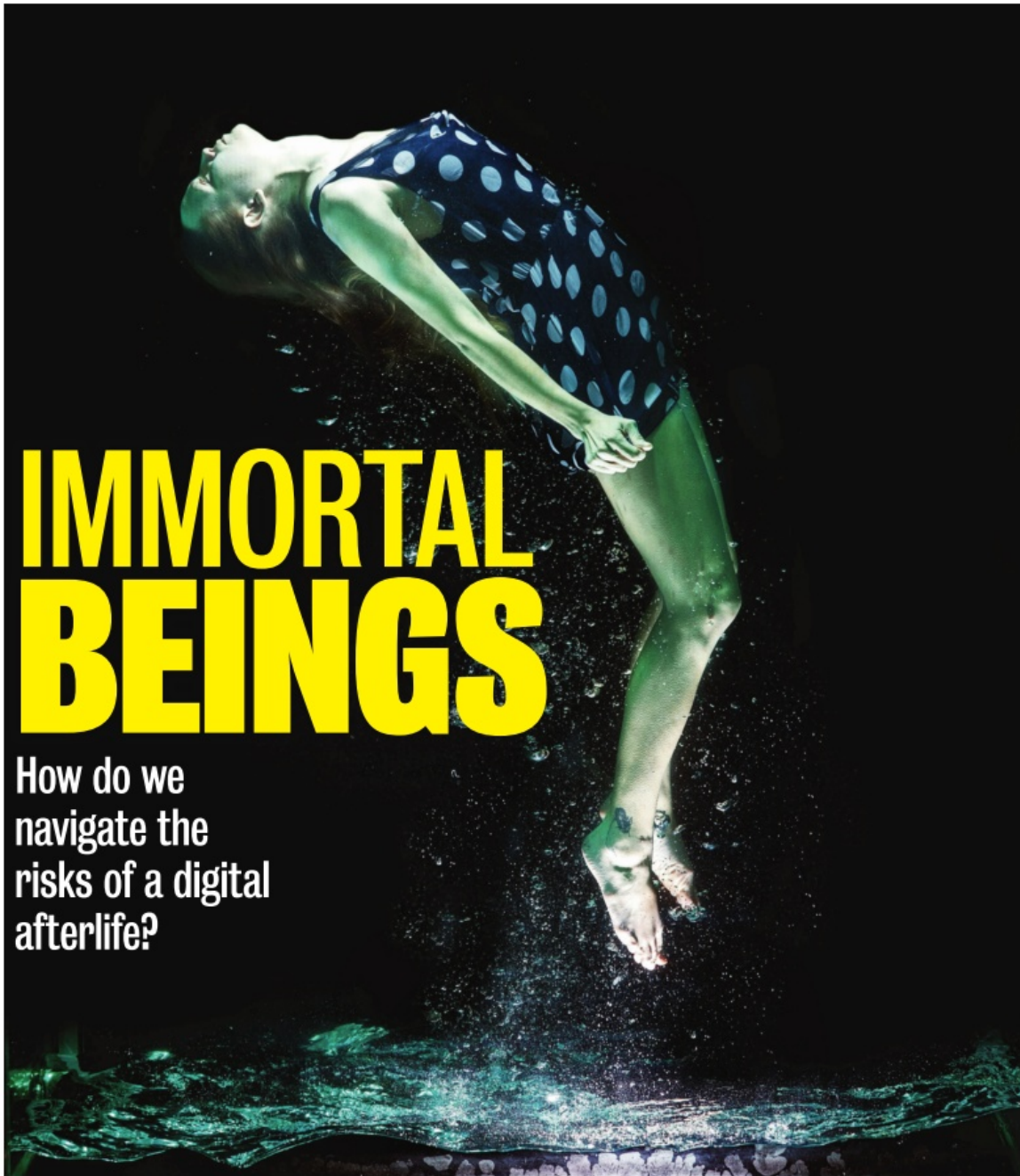
the area, cooperation from visitors is essential. The beauty of Charmadi Ghat is being marred by careless behaviour, and it is crucial for tourists to recognise their impact and act responsibly to protect this

safety measures and works are completed.

Ettina Bhuja (linguistically "ox's shoulder") is a popular trekking destination that can be accessed from either the Shishila or Mudigere side. Ettina Bhuja is located 25 kilometres from Mudigere. The last four kilometres are a trek route, with the final two kilometres being particularly challenging and treacherous. Many trekkers complain of leeches and snakes in the area.

beautiful destination. Hence, authorities are appealing to tourists to behave responsibly and respect the environment to help preserve the charm and serenity of Charmadi Ghat.

—Sridhar Vivan



IMMORTAL BEINGS

How do we navigate the risks of a digital afterlife?

Imagine a future where your phone pings with a message that your dead father's "digital immortal" bot is ready. This promise of chatting with a virtual version of your loved one – perhaps through a virtual reality (VR) headset – is like stepping into a sci-fi movie, both thrilling and a bit eerie.

As you interact with this digital dad, you find yourself on an emotional rollercoaster. You uncover secrets and stories you never knew, changing how you remember the real person.

This is not a distant, hypothetical scenario. The digital afterlife industry is rapidly evolving. Several companies promise to create virtual reconstructions of deceased individuals based on their digital footprints.

From artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots and virtual avatars to holograms, this technology offers a strange blend of comfort and disruption. It may pull us into deeply personal experiences that blur the lines between past and present, memory and reality.

As the digital afterlife industry grows, it raises significant ethical and emotional challenges. These include concerns about consent, privacy and the psychological

impact on the living.

What is the digital afterlife industry?

VR and AI technologies are making virtual reconstructions of our loved ones possible. Companies in this niche industry use data from social media posts, emails, text messages and voice recordings to create digital personas that can interact with the living.

Although still niche, the number of players in the digital afterlife industry is growing.

HereAfter allows users to record stories and messages during their lifetime, which can then be accessed by loved ones posthumously. MyWishes offers the ability to send pre-scheduled messages after death, maintaining a presence in the lives of the living.

Hanson Robotics has created robotic busts that interact with people using the memories and personality traits of the deceased. Project December grants users access to so-called "deep AI" to engage in text-based conversations with those who have passed away.

Generative AI also plays a crucial role in the digital afterlife industry. These technologies enable the creation of highly realistic and interactive digital personas.

But the high level of realism may blur the line between reality and simulation. This may enhance the user experience, but may also cause emotional and psychological distress.

Digital afterlife technologies may aid the grieving process by offering continuity and connection with the deceased. Hearing a loved one's voice or seeing their likeness may provide comfort and help process the loss.

For some of us, these digital immortals could be therapeutic tools. They may help us to preserve positive memories and feel close to loved ones even after they have passed away.

But for others, the emotional impact may be profoundly negative, exacerbating grief rather than alleviating it. AI recreations of loved ones have the potential to cause psychological harm if the bereaved ends up having unwanted interactions with them. It's essentially being subjected to a "digital haunting".

Other major issues and ethical concerns surrounding this tech include consent, autonomy and privacy.

For example, the deceased may not have agreed to their data being used for a "digital afterlife".

There's also the risk of misuse and data manipulation. Companies could exploit digital immortals for commercial gain, using them to advertise products or services. Digital personas could be altered to convey messages or behaviours the deceased would never have endorsed. We need regulation.

To address concerns around this quickly emerging industry, we need to update our legal frameworks. We need to address issues such as digital estate planning, who inherits the digital personas of the deceased, and digital memory ownership.

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) recognises post-mortem privacy rights, but faces challenges in enforcement.

Social media platforms control deceased users' data access, often against heirs' wishes, with clauses like "no right of survivorship" complicating matters. Limited platform practices hinder the GDPR's effectiveness. Comprehensive protection demands reevaluating contractual rules, aligning with human rights.

The digital afterlife industry offers comfort and memory preservation, but raises ethical and emotional concerns. Implementing thoughtful regulations and ethical guidelines can honour both the living and the dead, to ensure digital immortality enhances our humanity.

What can we do? Researchers have recommended several ethical guidelines and regulations. Some recommendations include:

Obtaining informed and documented consent before creating digital personas from people before they die

Age restrictions to protect vulnerable groups

- Clear disclaimers to ensure transparency
- And strong data privacy and security measures.
- Drawing from ethical frameworks in archaeology, a 2018 study has suggested treating digital remains as integral to personhood, proposing regulations to ensure dignity, especially in re-creation services.

Dialogue between policymakers, industry and academics is crucial for developing ethical and regulatory solutions. Providers should also offer ways for users to respectfully terminate their interactions with digital personas.

Through careful, responsible development, we can create a future where digital afterlife technologies meaningfully and respectfully honour our loved ones.

As we navigate this brave new world, it is crucial to balance the benefits of staying connected with our loved ones against the potential risks and ethical dilemmas.

By doing so, we can make sure the digital afterlife industry develops in a way that respects the memory of the deceased and supports the emotional wellbeing of the living.

(By Arif Perdana, Monash University, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

When friendship ends

Acknowledge and process

A sudden breakup can leave you feeling disoriented and disappointed. We suggest to take the time to reflect on your friendship, and process what happened. By just putting a band-aid to it and not taking the time to grieve, it might take you longer to move on.

Accept

Accept that the two of you were meant to be in each other's lives for a certain period and then move on.

Support you have

We aren't asking you to replace your BFF with a different person, but just be glad for the people in your life including your coworkers, family, spouse, that might be able to cheer you up and offer support in navigating this phase.

No bad-mouthing

Any breakup is rarely ever just one person's fault, but it's easier to be angry at the other person than to acknowledge your mistake. However, realising your mistake and accepting you were at fault too will just bring you one step closer to truly putting things in the past and moving on. Also, no matter how tempting it may seem, refrain from bad mouthing your ex best friend to your other friends!

If you want to mend things

If all of the above things don't work for you and you find yourself missing your bestie more than you'd like to admit, maybe you could think of patching things up with them? And if you're still unclear whether or not you want them in your life, you might at least want to make the effort of reaching out and talking things.

—Ravina Sachdev, Femina

'BMRCL can seek out other experts' advice'

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improve the success rate in the quarterly report. This information should be available in public domain," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust.

Notably, the success rate of translocated trees by BMRCL has always been low. BM had earlier reported that between April and June 2022, BMRCL translocated 205 trees for various metro projects across the city. However, only 17 trees were found to be healthy, as many as 172 trees had completely dried and died, and 16 were partially dried, giving an abysmal success rate of 8%.

These figures have been highlighted in the quarterly progress report prepared by the Karnataka Forest Department on the translocation of trees by BMRCL in the given period carried out at seven locations in the city - Benniganahalli tank bund area, KR Puram Metro station, Lowery Memorial School premises, Kadugodi depot, Biotechnology Center in Hulimavu, Corps of Military Police and School Premises and Devika Rani estate on Kanakapura road.

The agencies, selected by BMRCL for translocation of trees, have been following guidelines given by the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), GKVK.

Time to tweak guidelines

City-based experts say, if the success rate has not improved over time, the guidelines probably need revision.

"GKVK's guideline has been followed for nearly three years now. Given that the survival rate has not improved, BMRCL must reach out to other

experts and seek advice. Moreover, it is time to network with other agencies in the area in different cities," said a city-based tree activist.

Although the report includes some success stories, experts say these are nothing short of eyewash. They highlight that the report has also included trees that were translocated between September 2022 and March 2023, leading to gross misrepresentation of facts. As per the report, out of 1,216 trees translocated between September 2022 and March 2023, as many as 733 are showing survival symptoms.

Test of time

However, city-based experts say that transplanted trees that have not withstood the test of at least one year in a new environment; cannot be declared as surviving or successful. The quarterly progress report from July to September 2023 should have included only the trees transplanted before September 2022 and those translocated after September 2022 should not be part of this quarterly report.

As per BMRCL, the transplanted trees need to be observed frequently for their survival, growth, pests, diseases, and other physiological symptoms. It is possible to witness temporary wilting of leaves for a few days, leaf fall can also happen and the tree that has undergone translocation can go into the transitory dormancy phase to avoid moisture loss and desiccation but can show revival symptoms within six months like new sprouts, turgid leaves and arrest of leaf fall, etc. Sometimes, there is a distress reaction in the form of premature flowering and fruiting. Some trees generate new sprouts within a few weeks, possibly due to adequate stored food reserves, but these sprouts wither soon.

Surrendered: Tiger skin, claw

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authorities. Recently, a high-profile tiger claw case generated considerable attention, revealing that many celebrities, including film actors, politicians, and spiritual leaders, were unlawfully in possession of these items. Consequently, the forest department has been flooded with complaints about the illegal possession of various wildlife parts.

A forest department official said, "The state government had issued a notification under the Wildlife (Karnataka) Rules-2024, offering a three-month window (until April) for individuals to return illegally obtained wildlife parts and trophies. In support of this initiative, the forest department issued a circular directing all divisional forest officers, assistant forest officers, and range forest officers to accept and seize such items."

The official said this effort aligns with the Wildlife Conservation and Protection Act, which prohibits the possession and trade of wildlife parts and trophies. "The state government and the forest department aim to retrieve wildlife parts and trophies from individuals who had obtained them illegally."

By providing a specified period for voluntary returns and ensuring enforcement through forest department officers, the initiative seeks to uphold the laws designed to protect wildlife and prevent

illegal trade and possession of wildlife parts.

This initiative gained public attention, especially with high-profile cases involving celebrities and politicians found with tiger claws, highlighting the importance of strict enforcement and compliance with wildlife protection regulations."

Possessing wildlife parts, such as tiger claws and elephant tusks, without a valid ownership certificate is a punishable offence under the Wildlife Conservation Act of 1972. The government has mandated that anyone found in possession of such items must surrender them to the forest department, warning that failure to comply will result in legal action.

Those who have surrendered these items will not face legal repercussions, but those who continue to illegally possess wildlife parts will be prosecuted. "Items made from tiger skin, tiger claws, and wild boar horns, worth millions of rupees, have been surrendered to the forest department. In Bengaluru alone, over 110 wildlife parts, including tiger skins and claws, have been turned in."

Across the state, 192 individuals have surrendered wildlife parts, with the highest number of surrenders coming from Bengaluru. The forest department has taken possession of these items, which include tiger skin and claw pendants, and wild boar horn decorations," added an official.

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Set for Appu Cup

Film and TV actors are set to showcase their badminton racket skills next month. A team building event for Appu Cup Badminton Tournament Season 2 was organised recently. Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar and MLC Saravana graced the event. Impressed by the success of Appu Cup Badminton Tournament held last year, Puneeth Rajkumar's PRK Studios have joined hands with Stellar Studio & Event Management to organise the bad-

minton tournament this year. Sandalwood actors such as Pramod Shetty, Manu Ravichandran, Vikram Ravichandran, Bhuvan Gowda, Dileep Raj, Praveen Tej, and others are expected to participate in the badminton tournament.

On the occasion, Chethan Surya said apart from acting



he has organised many events too in the last 10 years. "We launched the Appu Cup Shuttle Badminton Tournament in memory of late Puneeth Rajkumar last year. The event was a great success. Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar also appreciated it and announced PRK Studios' association with us. We plan to have a grand event on July 13," he said. He said around 10 teams with 13 players each will participate in the event.

Saravana, MLC will sponsor prizes for the winning teams. The first prize is 100 grams gold, second 50 gm gold, and third 25 gm gold.

Horror flick

The latest horror film to drop is Teddy Bear that is likely to release next month. Lokesh B, who worked as assistant to Telugu movie director Puri Jagannath, has directed this movie while Jyothi Tarakesh and Bharath Naveen bankrolled it under the Adhyalakshmi Productions banner.

Its promo, trailer and a song was released at a function recently. Veteran director Om Sai Prakash was the chief guest. "The auditorium is full of friends and well-wishers. It indicates how popular the cast and crew of Teddy Bear are. The success of a movie will depend on the director, music director, cinematographer, and the editor," said director Om Sai Prakash.



Director Lokesh said Teddy Bear is his first movie ready for release. "I have directed Kannada movies Sodaku, Vidhure, and Vikramarka. The post-production work of these movies is in progress. The movie narrates the middle portion of the script. We are planning to have a prequel and sequel to it in the future," the director said. The movie has one song and it was shot in Bengaluru and Mangaluru.

Finding her way

Khushi doesn't think she is the 'rage', is thankful for criticism

It was just last year, in 2023 when Khushi Kapoor stepped into the world of Hindi cinema and instantly became a sensation on social media. However, the actress doesn't see herself as a "rage" and is thankful for the "criticism" coming her way.

Asked how it feels to become a rage with just one project, Khushi told IANS: "I wouldn't call myself a rage, but I'm really blessed and grateful for the love I'm getting."

Khushi played Betty Cooper in 'The Archies' directed by Zoya Akhtar. It also stars Agastya Nanda, Suhana Khan, and Vedang Raina, among others.

The actress, who is the daughter of the late veteran star Sridevi and producer Boney Kapoor, also expressed gratitude for the criticism as well.

"And I'm thankful for the criticism too. I'm really just taking the time to learn, grow, and focus on myself and my work."

The younger sister of actress Janhvi Kapoor is more than happy to be in the Hindi film industry. "It's nice to finally be out there in the industry, and I'm happy to be starting to find my way," she said.

However, 'The Archies' is not Khushi's first time in front of the camera. She made her student acting debut in 2016 with the YouTube short film 'Bhaskar Ho: Pyaar Ka Takraar'. Then in 2020, she starred in a student short film 'Speak Up'.

Talking about her upcoming slate of work, Khushi will be seen in 'Naadaniyaan' with Bollywood star Saif Ali Khan's son Ibrahim Ali Khan, who will be making his debut in Hindi cinema. Then she has a movie with Junaid Khan, whose latest release is 'Maharaj'.

— IANS



City that 'housed 96 kilos of Sara'

Actress Sara Ali Khan finds it surreal to be back in the Big Apple, the city she refers to as the place that housed "96 kilos" of her. Sara took to her Instagram stories and shared some pictures from New York.

Faunting her svelte figure in athleisure, the actress can be seen sipping coffee in a white crop top paired with fiery red shorts and sneakers. "Surreal to be back to the city that housed 96 kgs of me," Sara wrote as the caption.

The actress was reminiscing about her student days at New York's Columbia University, where she ended up gaining a lot of weight. The actress, the daughter of Bollywood stars Saif Ali Khan and Amrita Singh, has never shied away from talking about her struggles with Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD) and obesity.

Sara openly talked about it on the sixth season of 'Koffee With Karan'. However, before entering the industry with the 2018 film 'Kedarnath' starring the late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, Sara

got into regular workouts such as cardio, pilates, and yoga followed by a simple diet to shed the extra weight.

— IANS



Movies are tough business

Actress and producer Margot Robbie recently shared insights into her new endeavour and compared it to the complexities of the film industry.

The 'Barbie' star has ventured into the business world with the launch of her own gin brand, Papa Salt, according to Deadline.

The Australian star, along with her husband and business partner Tom Ackerley and three close friends, has introduced Papa Salt into the market.

Robbie described the process of creating and marketing her gin as "refreshing," noting the stark contrast with the unpredictable nature of the film business, Deadline reported.

"Movies are a crazy business where you are selling something

that isn't tangible, it's an idea," Robbie explained.

"You have no idea how much it's going to make, who's going to see it, if they'll see it or how it will be received. This feels a lot more straightforward, it's easier to predict things," she said.

According to Deadline, Margot Robbie's production company, LuckyChap Entertainment, has achieved significant success since its founding in 2014. The company's diverse slate of films, including acclaimed titles like 'I, Tonya,'

'Promising Young Woman,' and 'Barbie,' has garnered numerous accolades, including 25 Academy Award nominations and billions in box-office earnings.

Meanwhile, Margo is slated to produce an upcoming project by Warner Bros, which is reportedly the comic book package for 'Avengelyne'.

— ANI



On the joy of fatherhood

Actor Robert Pattinson recently spoke fondly about his experience as a new father and the joy of watching his three-month-old daughter's personality unfold.

During an event, the 'Twilight' star discussed the transformative journey of

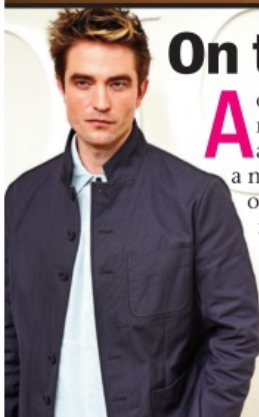
parenthood and remarked in jest, "[Having a baby] makes you feel very old and very young," according to People magazine.

Pattinson expressed awe at how quickly infants develop distinct traits, saying, "She's so cute. You know, I'm amazed by how quickly their personality comes. So even at three months, I'm like, 'Oh ... I can

kinda see who she is already."

The actor and his fiancée, Suki Waterhouse, welcomed their baby earlier this year. Although they initially kept the birth private, photos obtained by People magazine in March showed the couple strolling with a pink stroller in Los Angeles. Subsequently, Waterhouse shared the first photo of their newborn and revealed the news during Coachella.

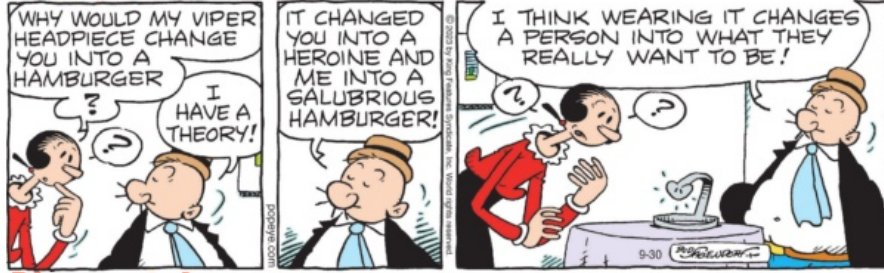
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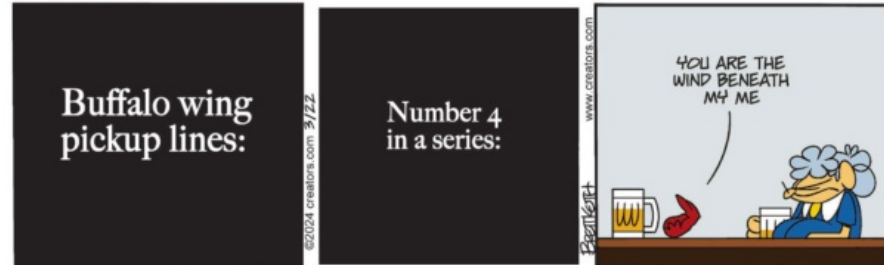
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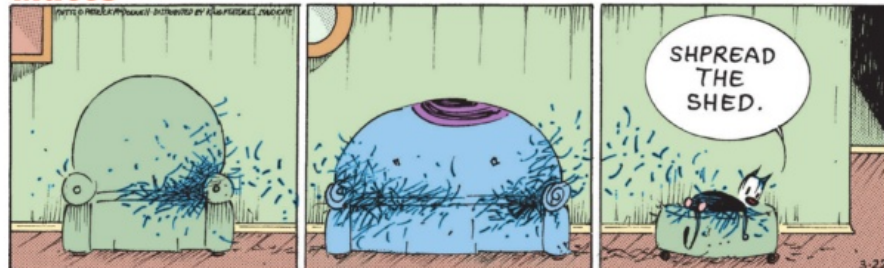
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Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may likely control your internal weaknesses after some self-analysis. This newfound confidence may help you fight against addictions. Singles are likely to find a good match, and love birds will gain clarity in their relationships. Opportunities for overseas travel may arise. Students can expect good news regarding their academics.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, you might find yourself avoiding responsibilities and escaping from reality. Your investments could result in some losses. Carefully read any documents before signing. An elder's health may cause concern. If you plan to renovate your house, it might be wise to postpone it for a while.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, you might feel dull and lose focus on your targets. Hypothetical decisions may not align with reality, leading to disappointment. Be cautious in adventure tours and avoid rash driving. By the afternoon, your profits may increase, and you might start working with new clients, boosting your business.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, disputes with siblings may be resolved, strengthening your relationship. Your energy levels seem high, enabling you to complete difficult projects with ease. You may expand your network through a short work-related trip and help someone in need, boosting your social status.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, helping needy people can enhance your social respect. You may give your best effort at work, completing tasks ahead of schedule. Expect good news from a sibling. However, too much work might make you tired; avoid stress to protect your professional and personal life. Meditation and fasting are advised today.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, your creativity may be high, and you might plan to renovate your house. Buying items for your home or office could elevate your social status. Harmony with your spouse is likely, to bring domestic peace. Disputes with friends, co-workers, and partners may be resolved. Good news regarding litigations is possible.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may be busy with social and family events. You will become more polite with those around you, enhancing your image among relatives and friends. Spending on artefacts and other items may improve your social status. Expect good news from a close relative.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, overworking may leave you tired and careless. Patience is key. Postpone any planned adventure tours. Past investments may become dead stock. Students should work hard. Be mindful of potential back-aches, nervous system issues, liver-related problems, and skin issues.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, your creativity may flourish, and you might attend a creative event. Stuck money could be recovered. Job seekers should update their knowledge. Students are encouraged to put in extra effort in their academics.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, you may feel some dissatisfaction and enter a state of self-exploration, slowing your progress at work. Precious time may be wasted on worthless tasks. However, things may improve by the evening.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may feel better as situations come under control. Your network might assist you at work, and overseas travel could be on the horizon. This is a good time for domestic harmony and love life. Creativity may lead you to buy artefacts or plan outings with friends or family.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

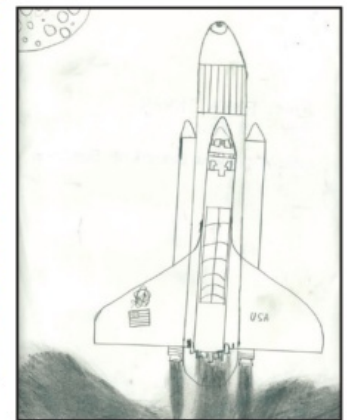
Today, you may focus on your children's academics and plan for their higher studies. Couples may hear good news regarding their children. You might consider further education to achieve a promotion. Singles could find their soulmate.



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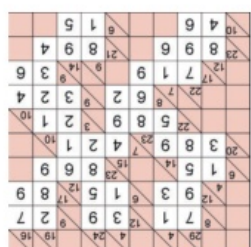
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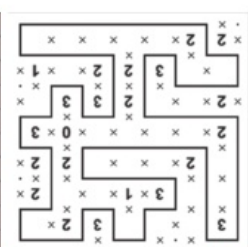
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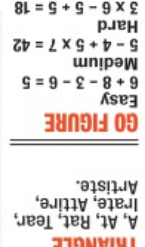
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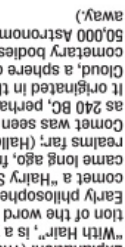
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